

REMARKS

Claims 22-39 remain in the application.

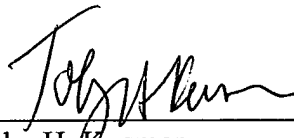
The Examiner has provisionally rejected claims 22-39 under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 20, 27 and 34 of co-pending Application No. 10/032,273, and in view of claim 13 of co-pending application 10/032,259. These applications have issued as US Patent Nos. 6,668,642 and 6,668,641, respectively. Applicant is submitting an appropriate terminal disclaimer. Accordingly, this rejection is believed to be overcome.

The Examiner has also requested that number 121 in the specification be changed back to 112. Applicant has made the necessary corrections.

Based on the foregoing amendments and arguments, Applicants assert that the present application is allowable over the prior art of record. A notice to that effect is respectfully requested. If a telephone conference with applicants' attorney would expedite the prosecution of this application, the examiner is requested to telephone the undersigned at the number listed below.

In connection with the foregoing matter, please charge any additional fees which may be due, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account Number 50-1133. A duplicate copy of this letter is provided for this purpose.

Respectfully submitted,



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